

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: By **VICE CHAIRWOMAN VICKI COCCHIARELLA**, on January 9, 2007 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 405 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Jerry W. Black (R)
Sen. Roy Brown (R)
Sen. John Brueggeman (R)
Sen. Vicki Cocchiarella (D)
Sen. Jesse Laslovich (D)
Sen. Frank Smith (D)
Sen. Donald J. Steinbeisser (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Gerald Pease, Chairman (D)
Sen. Sam Kitzenberg (D)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Andrew Geiger, Legislative Branch
Lois O'Connor, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 29, 1/3/2007; SB 30, 1/3/2007
Executive Action: SB 29, SB 30

HEARING ON SB 29

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:02 **SEN. FRANK SMITH (D)**, **SD 16**, opened the hearing on **SB 29**, Establish Robert E. Ewing Jr. memorial highway.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:02:17 Connie Ewing O'Connor, Robert Ewing Family

[EXHIBIT\(his05a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(his05a02\)](#)

00:09:02 Jim Lynch, Director, Department of Transportation (DOT)

00:10:36 Bill Kennedy, Yellowstone County Commissioner

00:12:21 Bill Olson, Ewing Family Friend

00:13:14 Mike Barrett, Self

[EXHIBIT\(his05a03\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None.

Closing by Sponsor:

00:18:00 Sen. Smith closed on SB 29.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 29

00:18:45

Motion/Vote: **SEN. BLACK** moved that **SB 29 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. **SENATORS PEASE** and **KITZENBERG** voted aye by proxy.

HEARING ON SB 30

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:20:25 **SEN. FRANK SMITH (D), SD 16**, opened the hearing on **SB 30**, Allow combination purple heart and disabled veteran license plates.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:21:50 Dean Roberts, Motor Vehicles Division, Department of Justice

00:23:22 Jim Jacobsen, Montana American Legion

00:23:37 Roger Hagen (Ret.), Montana National Guard Association

00:24:06 Larry Longfellow, Veterans of Foreign Wars

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None.

Closing by Sponsor:

00:24:56 Sen. Smith closed on SB 30

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 30

00:25:47

Motion/Vote: **SEN. LASLOVICH** moved that **SB 30 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. **SENATORS PEASE** and **KITZENBERG** voted aye by proxy.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:35 P.M.

SEN. VICKI COCCHIARELLA, Chairwoman

LOIS O'CONNOR, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([his05aad.pdf](#))